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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains observed in the Berlin regional railroad district between 13 and 28 October 1951 included:

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Date in October	Shipment	From	To
13	22 flatcars with tanks and trucks	Gloewen	Altruppin
14	3 boxcars and 26 flatcars with soldiers, tanks and trucks	Gloewen	Altruppin
25	3 boxcars and 22 flatcars with soldiers, tanks and trucks	Gloewen	Altruppin
27	An unknown number of cars with soldiers, 8 tanks and 4 trucks	Altruppin	Neustrelitz
28	An unknown number of cars with soldiers, 21 tanks and 5 trucks;	Neustrelitz	Altruppin

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2. At 5:20 p.m. on 30 October, 11 T-34 tanks and truck were loaded at Genthin (Magdeburg regional railroad district). A train of 16 tank cars passed through the Burg railroad station and headed toward Magdeburg at 4:50 p.m. on 30 October. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 5 November, 46 trucks, with 120-mm mortars were entrained at Burg. **

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3. On 2 and 3 November respectively, two trains, each carrying 1,500 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were unloaded at the eastern ramp in Frankfurt/Oder. The soldiers, who were 17 or 18 years old, proceeded toward Land Saxony aboard Soviet leave trains. ***

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* Comment. The first three trains are believed to have carried components of the 12th Gds Tank Div which returned to their home stations from field exercises in the Guben-Havelberg area. The first two trains were previously reported by another source. [redacted]

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[redacted]. The information on the last three trains fails to indicate whether the units on the two trains came from, or went to, field exercises. The train [redacted]

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[redacted] probably went to a training area, because [redacted] the 65th Gds Tank Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Neustrelitz, which is thus confirmed until 23 October.

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* Comment. Components of the 7th Gds Tank Div, which probably returned to their winter billets, were loaded on the first and third trains. The loading of two trains with components of the same division at Genthin and Burg respectively was observed by another source on 22 October. [redacted]

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*** Comment. The two trains with recruits are reported for the first time. Another source also reported that small shipments of recruits have been dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to military posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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